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Speakers Exhort Students to Excel

by Andrea Nagy

Pushing for excellence was the focus of the speakers who addressed Shaker students during Excel Week, February 4-8. The week's activities included five speakers, who spoke to approximately two hundred students each day in the small auditorium, and a voter registration drive, which signed up about one hundred students. Excel aims to register all eligible seniors by graduation. The purpose of Excel Week, according to the PUSH-Excel staff, was "to renew in our students an awareness of the need to chart a course that will lead them to achievement as individuals and to responsibility in the development of excellence in our society."

The week began with an all-school assembly Monday, February 4. Mona Scott, co-anchor of WKYC-TV Channel 3 evening news, spoke to the student body on the topic "Make Your Own Sunshine." She asserted that a sense of humor is one of the most essential ingredients for getting through life and illustrated her points with personal anecdotes about her television career. Ms. Scott stressed that an individual must give himself "the freedom to fail and make mistakes" in order to grow and succeed. Ms. Scott was given a plaque, as were all of the speakers, by a member of the Excel planning committee.

On Tuesday during third period Dr. Doris A. Evans, Executive Director of the Glenville Health Association and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Community Health at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, talked about our changing society. "Common to the disintegration of ... society, in my view, is the elevation of

'things' above person. The evolution in our society to make everything easier has made us less aware of our own potential for growth and development," said Dr. Evans. She warned that "failure to refocus values will, it seems, as we examine history, spell doom;" however, she explained that each individual has the opportunity to improve society, the survival of which depends on each individual's decisions. She also said that, "while our complex society may not survive, human potential for excellence is still with us." Dr. Evans closed her speech with a challenge to young people to "rekindle excitement about rather than frustration with life."

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Career Office to Stage Fair

by Greg Epp

The Career Development Office will sponsor its second annual "Is There Life After High School?" program the evenings of February 28, March 4, and March 5. The three sessions, each at a different high school, will provide information related to college, careers, and employment. All three will begin at 7:15 p.m. and conclude at 9:30.

The Career and Jobs Fair will take place February 28 at Warrensville Heights High School. Representatives of over 50 careers will be present. Students may also receive instruction in interview and application procedures. A few summer jobs may be available, although such hiring will not be emphasized.

Cleveland Heights High School

Shaker's Spirit Week Set to Begin Monday

by Brett Krantz

For the second consecutive year, the Shaker Student Council will sponsor Spirit Week from February 25 to March 1. All events will be free, thanks to the Student Council candy sale. Spirit Week was organized by the executive board of Student Council, along with other members of the council. According to Alana Spero, the executive vice president, "Spirit Week has become a Shaker tradition; it is a way to promote school spirit while everyone enjoys themselves." Every day is full of different activities. Monday, February 25 will be Red and White Day. Everyone will be asked to dress in red and white to show his school spirit. There will be no first or second period, and from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. will be the Red and

White Breakfast. Breakfast will be served to anyone interested, and will include French toast, sausage, orange juice, and milk. A.G. will start at 9:45. During the 3 lunch periods the band Bootleg will perform. Members of the band from Shaker are Greg Poe, Steve Ban, and Wally Griffith.

On Tuesday, February 26, various types of activities will take place. The day is being billed as Twin Day. People will be asked to come to school dressed as twins. Each Advisory Group will decorate its room to show true school spirit. During the lunch periods, there will be a snow sculpture contest for which students will be excused from classes if they sign up in the cafeteria. Three faculty

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Coming Events

FEBRUARY

22 Instrumental Concert 8:00
25-29 Spirit Week
Warrensville Heights High
29 Dance Concert

MARCH

4 College Fair, Heights High
5 Life Planning Fair
7 L.E.L. Choral Festival

Announce Plans in Coming Events

Any school group which would like to have its activities printed in the Calendar of Events should submit the dates and plans to the Shakerite. This semester, the newspaper is being published every two weeks. The deadline for each issue is two weeks before it is released. The dates of the next three issues are March 7, March 21, and April 1. The deadlines are February 22, March 7, and March 17, respectively.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Two opinions appeared in The Shakerite on January 18, 1980 which commented on the subject of the closing of the library during portions of lunch periods. One, a letter written by Mrs. Libby, a librarian, defended the closing of the library. The other, by Craig Beresford, expressed the dismay felt by the students. Mrs. Libby's point is well taken, in that the library is not a social center, but a place for studying. However, there is one point which was not raised by Mr. Beresford. I see the problem as being the arbitrary limit imposed on the students. To get into the library one must rush through lunch and hurry to the library before the 20 minute deadline. If one arrives but a second too late, there is virtually nowhere that one can study. Students aren't supposed to sit on the floor in the halls. The cafeteria is too loud and messy. So, as Mr. Beresford puts it, "We are left out in the cold." How are students supposed to study during lunch?

The library is not a place to socialize, although some students do use it as one. Possibly the librarians should take it upon themselves to remove students who are disruptive. On the other hand, we, as students, must be responsible and understand that when we enter the library, we are there to work, not to talk.

Instead of closing the library during lunch periods, I propose that the upper level of the library be used as a quiet study room. The individual carrels could be moved upstairs and a clear and concise code of conduct could be posted. A librarian could easily enforce these rules by patrolling the area. In the lower section of the library the large tables could be spread out to minimize socializing, and casual group collaboration could be allowed.

Sincerely,
David Wipper

Dear Sir,

On February 5, I was almost suspended for someone tapping his pencil at our table in the library, but I refused to leave for this crime.

Many instances of the abuse of library rules have occurred to me and others. I have been kicked out for borrowing a book or an assignment and now for sitting at a table with someone who tapped his pencil. Many students have seen or had problems like these in the library, and I feel that the cause of these problems is the library rules. The purpose of these rules is to keep the library quiet so that students may do their work. One of these rules forbids people to enter the library after about one half of each lunch period. This rule does not seem to do much except to keep people who want to work from doing so; it also rushes people through their lunches. One reason this rule is in effect is to stop people from making noise entering or leaving the library; well, the noise is made in the first half of the period anyway, and in the second half noise is often made by librarians throwing people out for what is often not a valid reason. This rule causes another serious problem: one is not allowed to re-enter the library after the first half of each lunch period even if one must go to the bathroom or get books from one's locker.

The rule in another part of the library, the silent section, is no talking. This means no quietly borrowing books or assignments. In this newly built part of the library there is the A.V. room, which often makes more noise than any students make. The biggest commotion that I have seen in the library is not caused by loud students but by the librarians kicking students out for doing something which has often caused no disturbance.

I do understand the problem of noise in the library, but it can be solved by other, better means. Rather than have such strict rules which seem to punish the working students, I think that if a student is bothered in the library he could tell a librarian, who would then take action. I believe that this idea could solve the problem of a noisy library without restricting the students' ability to work.

Sincerely,
Tom Colbert

Dear Sir,

There are several arguments circulating about the closing of the library during the lunch periods. There is another side which I feel has not been adequately considered. At the time before the inactment of the new rules concerning the closing of the library during part of the lunch period the library was, during the majority of the lunch periods, chaotic and noisy. It was very hard for students to concentrate on their work.

The librarians, hired by this school system, were spending more time trying to quiet down the students than they were doing their jobs. The job of a librarian is to aid students in their search for materials, not to act as disciplinarians. The library is not a place for socializing. Students have the right to go to the library and study, but they do not have the right to disturb those who are actually trying to work. The massive disruption that students were causing resulted, justly, in the closing of the library. Students are now prevented from floating in and out of the library. The library is open for the first twenty-five to thirty minutes of each lunch period. This leaves plenty of time for anyone who really has to study to get to the library. The library is much quieter now. The new rule seems to have been fairly effective.

This school is made up of rules that are created for that small five or ten percent of the student population that ruins things for the rest. Ideally, it would be fantastic if Shaker could have a library that could be open and quiet at all times. But realistically this is quite impossible.

Sincerely,
Connie Qua

Opinion

Excel Week Succeeds

by Craig Beresford

During the week of February 4, the PUSH/Excel club sponsored Excel Week. It was an excellent effort by this group to encourage students to take an active role in planning their futures. The voter registration drive was highly successful in encouraging students to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming elections.

The range of personalities who came to speak at Shaker for Excel Week was vast, including a United Nations delegate, a judge, and an anchorwoman. Most students were able to find something of interest in this collection. The speech by Dr. Robert White was especially inspiring. Both his encouraging speech on the "Push for Excellence" topic and his subsequent remarks concerning his career in neurosurgery were exceptional.

All in all, Excel Week was an extremely well planned and well executed event. It is hoped that the PUSH/Excel club will be able to produce an equally successful program next year.

Your Letters

The Shakerite welcomes letters expressing all viewpoints. Letters should be as concise as possible and are subject to editing. All letters must include a signature and advisory group number. Submit letters to Mr. Randall in Room 100 or any Shakerite editor.

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Speeches Urge Excellence

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On Wednesday Dr. Robert J. White, a Shaker Heights High School parent, spoke on achieving excellence in life. A world-renowned neurosurgeon at Metro General Hospital, Dr. White, among other accomplishments, developed an introduced advanced techniques employing low temperature for the treatment of acute spinal injury, to protect the brain during surgery and following injury. The main thrust of his message was that nothing worthwhile is ever achieved easily. He emphasized that a person must be willing to make sacrifices to attain goals. After his talk Dr. White answered students' questions about his career as a brain surgeon.

Dr. Zelma George, a well known Cleveland who was a delegate to the United Nations in 1960 and who is the author of numerous books and articles about the history of blacks in America, spoke on Thursday. She placed emphasis on the idea that "no man is an island unto himself," but rather we are all dependent upon each other and no one can "drop out" of the world. Dr. George also stated from her own experiences that a struggle is necessary to succeed. "Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die," she said. Dr. George then challenged each person to look in the mirror and say, "This is what I am, this is what I want to be, this is what I ought to be, this is what I can be, and this is what I will be." Following her presentation, Dr. George led a small group discussion with an American Experience class.

On Friday Judge Lloyd Brown of the Cuyahoga Court of Common Pleas ended Excel Week by giving a speech similar to Dr. White's, stressing that success must be preceded by hard work and often by disappointments, and using examples from his personal experiences.

Mrs. Mary Lynn McGovern of the PUSH-Excel staff was pleased with Excel Week and the positive response of the students. "I think we fulfilled our expectations in terms of getting the message of striving for excellence across," she said.

Mrs. McGovern explained, however, that the inner and more far-reaching, perhaps even life-changing, influences cannot be measured, but are very important.

The PUSH-Excel club is a group dedicated to the principle of striving for excellence expressed by the speakers during Excel Week. Approximately twenty-five students are involved, with ten students on the planning committee.

Spirit Week Activities

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members and one student, Roger Brook, will judge the competition.

Wednesday will be Class Spirit Day. During lunch periods, the Chanticleers, a specialized group composed of members of the A Cappella choir, will give a concert. School will be let out at 1:00 p.m., at which time the class vs. class competition will begin. Each class, '80, '81, and '82, will compete against the others in events such as basketball and volleyball games, swimming meets, a tug-of-war, and a relay race. Classes will also earn points by demonstrating their school spirit through participation in the festivities.

Thursday has been designated as Anti-Dress Code Day. Students and teachers may wear hats, curlers, shorts, and anything else that they can dream up. During 2nd period, a pep rally will take place. All the sports teams will finish their regular schedules, and hopefully

Career Nights Are Scheduled

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distinct from the others, and encouraged students to attend all three. He believes that all sophomores and juniors should seize this opportunity to discover the options which the future holds. "Think ahead; consider your needs; don't wait until the last minute to plan your life," Cohen urged.

No preliminary registration will be required for the fairs, and there will be no opening ceremonies or speakers.

Buses to the other two high

I.E. Tournament Held at Shaker

by Lucy Drotning

Shaker High hosted an Individual Events tournament February 9. Students from area schools competed in speaking events such as extemporaneous speaking, duet acting, prose and poetry, dramatic interpretation, humorous interpretation, and oratorical speaking. Among the schools that participated were Rocky River, Beachwood, Berea, Brunswick, Crestwood, Hawken, West Geauga, Valley Forge, Villa Angela, St. Ignatius, Gilmour, Benedictine and Shaker.

For all categories, three

rounds were held in which the participants were divided into groups of three, four, or five. Each group had one judge who ranked the group by numbers, one being the best. The scores for each round were then tallied, and those with the lowest score won.

The entire process took about six hours, but the actual competition started at approximately 9:00 a.m. and finished by 12:30 p.m. While the scores were being tallied, the competitors talked and ate lunch. The awards were given out at about 2:30 p.m., concluding the tournament.

Shaker placed in several categories. Joanna Milter finished second in prose and poetry and Mary Reid finished fourth. In duet acting, David Pogue and Brian McCann placed third. Virginia Harding won a fourth-place ribbon in dramatic interpretation. Kathryn Kleinman placed third in women's extemporaneous speaking, while Robert Howal placed third in men's extemporaneous speaking.

Shaker Will Host Canadian Dancers

by Mara Sidney

February 29 at 8:30 p.m., The Toronto Dance Theatre will be performing in the school's auditorium. The troupe of eight dancers has been highly acclaimed by critics all over Canada and has been called the number one dance company in Canada. The troupe's appearance is sponsored by the Cleveland Modern Dance Association and the Shaker Heights Physical Education Department. On the night of the performance, at 7:45, there will be a preconcert dialogue lecture. Tickets for the performance are \$4.00 for students and \$6.00 for adults. Tickets are available from Mrs. Feran.

On February 21, there were auditions for scholarships to two master classes which will be taught by the dancers in The Toronto Dance Theatre. The classes will take place on Saturday, March 1 and Sunday, March 2. For more information contact Mrs. Feran.

advance further. This will be the time when students can show their appreciation for all the hard work that the athletes have put into their activities. The jazz ensemble will play during lunch periods.

Friday, Nerd Day, is everyone's chance to throw off his or her inhibitions. No explanation is needed, except that it is a day on which you can dress up as a typical nerd. During the lunch hour, the modern dance club will perform. That night, a skating party will take place at Thornton. To avoid over-crowding, Student Council has decided to hold the party in two shifts. Tickets of two different colors will be distributed; one will be for the 9:00 p.m. party and the other for the 10:30 p.m. party. Skate rental will be free.

On Saturday, March 1, Spirit Week will officially come to an end. A dance will take place from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The featured band will be The Last Days of Time, from Buffalo.

schools will leave from Byron Junior High School and from Shaker High's north parking lot at 7:00 p.m. and 7:40 p.m. on both February 28 and March 4. The buses will return to their points of origin at 8:40 p.m. and 9:40 p.m. Shuttles from Byron to Shaker High will depart at 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on March 5.

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Photo by Bill Mellin

Rob Emmons menaces Steve Moss in Shakers last dramatic production of "Tom Jones."

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"Spring" Arrives Soon

by Dan Schwarz

The Shaker Heights High School Drama Department who brought "Tom Jones" to the Shaker stage now brings "Springs Awakening - A Tragedy of Childhood", due to hit Shaker's stage March 13, 14 and 15, is coming closer to its final cast and production staff.

The leads are Ted Marcoux, Steve Moss and Jessica Adelson. They portray Morits, Melchior and Wendla. The play will be directed by Mr. Thornton. The play was written in 1906, but is continually being performed. In 1977 it won an Off-Broadway award. It also received acclaim when it was presented by the Yale Drama Department, as well as when it was performed professionally in Chicago.

The play is set in 1893 and is based on the problems of a group of high school students. It is considered a difficult play and should be a challenge to perform.

Invisible World Explored

by Craig Beresford

This Monday, March 3, WVIZ Channel 25 will present yet another program in the National Geographic series. Entitled "The Invisible World", it is a fascinating look at many of the phenomena which cannot be perceived by the human eye. Special cameras will be used to show the growth of a flower, the splash of a milk drop, the

ultraviolet pattern of a flower as seen by a bee, and an ultrasonic picture of an unborn child. The range of the program is enormous -- from the microscopic world of the atom to the vastness of the entire Milky Way galaxy. For an incredible excursion into the unseen universe, be sure to watch this program.

Band and Orchestra to Perform Tonight

The Instrumental department is giving its winter concert tonight. The Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Orchestra will perform. The Concert Band will be playing five challenging pieces including The Symphony for Band and a Billy Joel medley. The Jazz Ensemble will play numbers by groups ranging from the Glenn Miller Band to Spyro Gyra, and the Orchestra will perform classical and contemporary works.

Saturday, March 1, many members of the band and choir will compete in the District Solo and Ensemble Contest. They will perform before a judge and receive comments and a rating. On the Music department's spring schedule are the LEL Choral Festival on March 7, The Red and White Review on March 21, the Instrumental Concert on April 25, and the Choral Concert on May 2.

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Chess Club Active Here

by Dan Rosenbaum

The Shaker Heights High School Chess Club sponsors two teams to compete against other schools. Shaker's first team is a member of two divisions: The Cleveland Chess Association League in which they are 2-3, and The Eastern Suburban League where they have a 2-1 record. The players on the A team are Andy Cherniack (Captain), Adi Mintz, Edward Antoine, Peter Christian, and Bryan Lilly. The second team is in only the Eastern Suburban League, where they have a 2-1

record in the B division. The members of the B team are Dean Hall, John Hairston, Iverson Traylor, Carl Groppe, and Mark Froelich.

The club meets every Friday in Room 201 and plays other schools, usually once a week. The other members of the club who don't play against other schools compete for the top ten positions. The whole chess club, however, practices as much as possible. The faculty advisor is Fred Brown.



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Editors at play Part I: Macke Bentley

Where Can The Teachers Be?

by Cheryl A. Morgan

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Girl Cagers Lose Three; Record Now 2-11

by Heather Dean

As of February 7, the Girls' Varsity Basketball team's record is 2-11. So far, most of this season's games have been tough on the Raiders; all were hard-fought. As the season is drawing to a close, the girls are making a great effort toward perfecting their basic skills.

On January 31, the Raiders went to Parma. The game got off to a slow start and the Shaker girls trailed the entire game. Kris Rosselli scored 16 points, while Sandy Lee made 14, and Leila True, 10 points. The final score was 46-55.

The Valley Forge Patriots visited Shaker on February 2. The score was close all through the game; the final tally was 59-69, in Valley Forge's favor. True scored 17 points, while Monica Davis and Rosselli logged 14 each, and Lee scored 10 points.

On February 6, our gals visited arch-rival Cleveland Heights High. The game started slowly; with the good defensive teamwork of both squads th-

warting many field goals. Davis scored an outstanding 18 points while Rosselli helped with 9 points. The final score was 48-54 Heights' favor.

The rest of the season doesn't look promising for the Shaker Raiders, although future seasons do. The girls practice diligently and keep the Shaker Raider spirit on and off the court. Spirit, strength, and steadfastness keep the Raiders alive and energetic.

B-Ballers Dunked

The Shaker Heights Red Raider basketball team blew all hopes of winning the LEL by losing to Parma 57-48. Orlando Lowry led all Shaker scorers with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Steve Murphy scored 8 points and grabbed 8 rebounds, and he was followed by Ken Roy with 8 points. It was basically a dull game as Shaker could not generate offense when they needed it most. The Red Raiders clinched second place in the LEL with a 10-3 record.

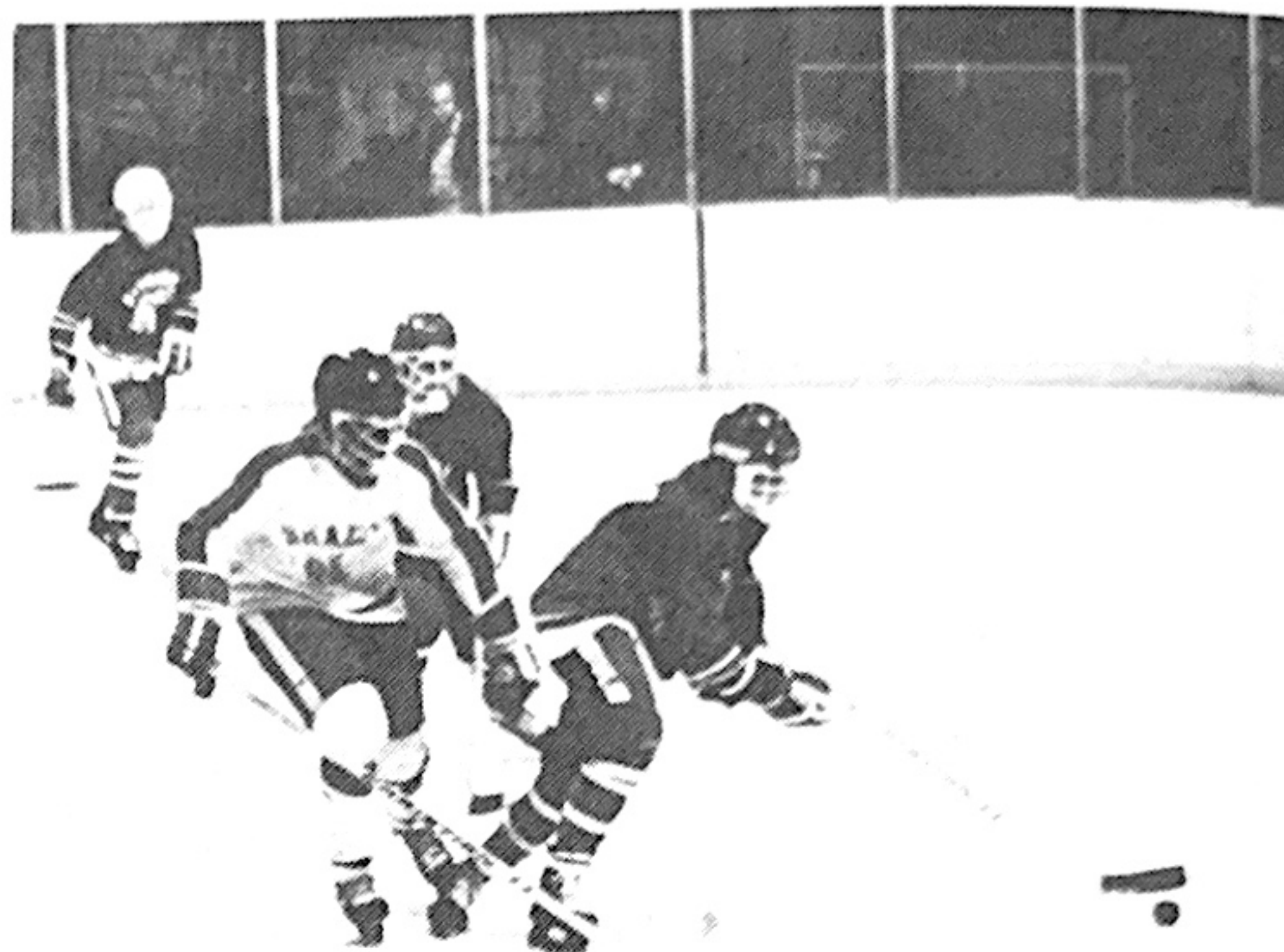


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Shaker Icers Top Heights; Baron Cup Tourney Next

by Macke Bentley

The Shaker Hockey team played on February 9 for the league championship against the Cleveland Heights squad. The two teams went into the game with identical 9-1 records. The two teams had played twice before, splitting the games. The first game was played on Shaker's home ice, at Thornton Park, but the Raiders lost that contest 5-3. The second game was played on the Tigers' home ice, where Shaker out-played Heights 2-1. The game was a non-league game, so it didn't count toward the league crown.

The showdown took place on the Tigers' home ice. The game began with Heights' usual boisterous and enthusiastic opening. Shaker opened the scoring, however, when Dave Wipper scored on his own rebound with Mike "Callahan" Calhoun credited with the assist. From that point on, Shaker took control of the game. Shaker then scored when Mike Berg skated down the ice and set Macke Bentley up in a picture-perfect

play. Bentley's goal proved to be the game winner, even though Heights scored next on a fluke goal. The puck was flipped by Scott Wipper who played an outstanding game, saving 27 or the 28 shots taken on him. The Heights goal seemed to inspire the Raiders, who followed up with even more aggressive play. The offensive play paid off when Bentley returned the favor and set up Berg, who was standing alone in the slot. That goal put the game out of the reach of the Tigers and Dave Wipper added insult to injury when he scored an open net goal with Bentley assisting.

The Shaker Heights High School Hockey Team is now preparing for the Baron Cup Tournament, which determines the best team in the greater Cleveland area. The Raiders have won the Baron Cup for two consecutive years. After that, they will compete in the sectional and district tournaments and try for a shot at the state tournament.

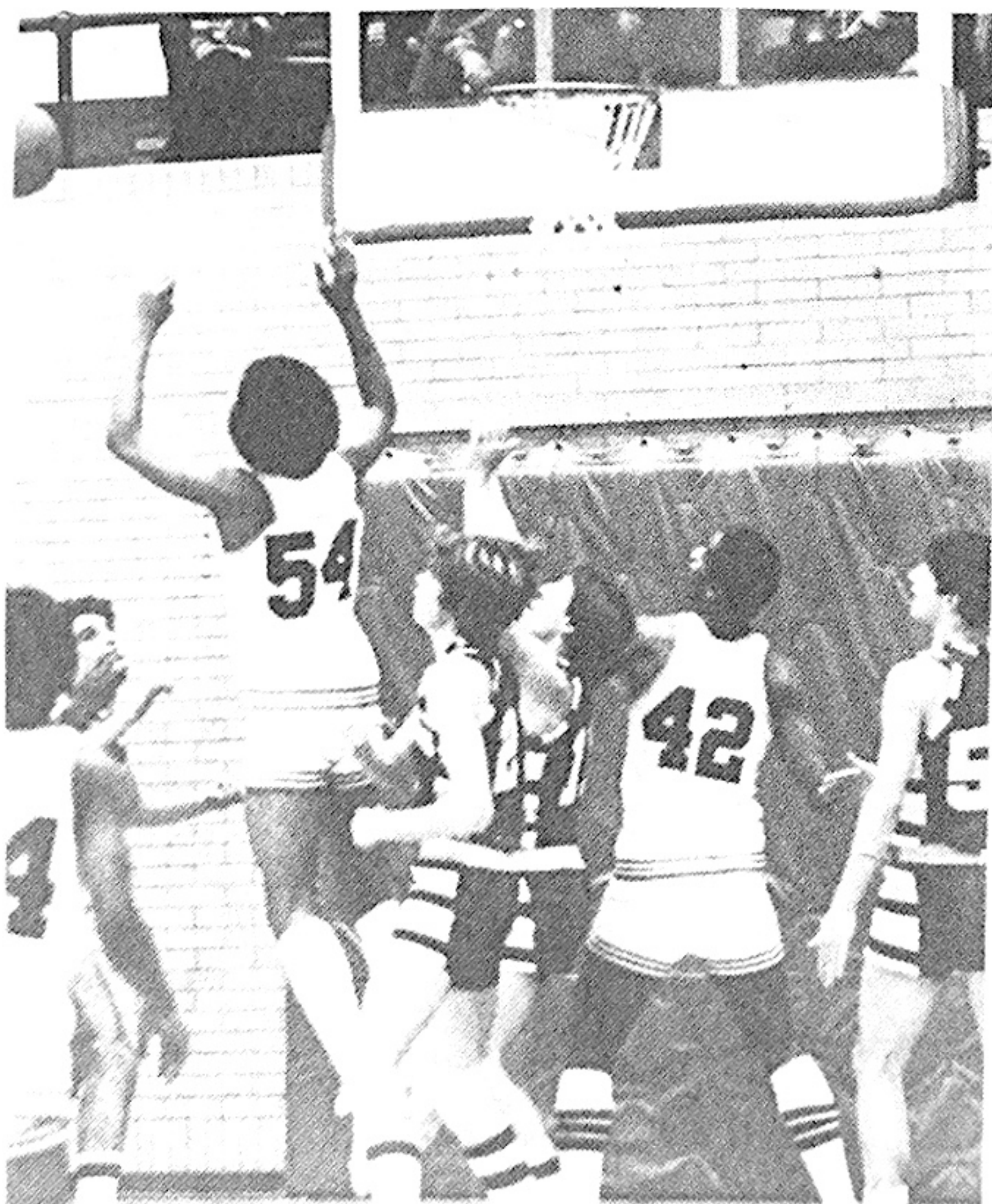


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